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Kidnapping

Case: 2009-2161958

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2009

Time: 7:43 p.m.

Location: 1600 block of Rutland Drive

Narrative:

The Austin Police Department is investigating a kidnapping that occurred on Tuesday, August 4, 2009.

It is believed that the suspect, Margarita R. Niño, Hispanic female, (D. O. B. 06-08-1969), kidnapped 34 year old, Blanca Zacarias, Hispanic female and a 12 day old male child. The male child, born on July 24, 2009, weighs approximately 10 pounds, has black hair and brown eyes. He may be covered in a white blanket with purple flowers or a white blanket with black rabbits.

Margarita Niño is described as:
4'09" short
Approximately 250 lbs
Brown hair with light brown highlights
Brown eyes

She was last seen wearing a grey tank top, blue jean Capri pants, and brown sandals. She speaks both English and Spanish. She was last seen driving a 1999 Maroon Nissan Sentra 4-door with a grey pinstripe around the vehicle and tinted windows. There are blue and grey beads (necklaces), and two plastic silver rings hanging from the rearview mirror. The child may be in a light brown or beige infant car seat. The child's diaper bag is green and yellow.

Zacarias is described as:
Hispanic female
Spanish speaker only
34 years of age
Approximately 5'01" tall
Approximately 120-130 pounds
Brown eyes
Black long wavy hair
Tan skin, with a scar 2-3 inches long under her left inner knee.

She is believed to be wearing a white short-sleeved shirt, pink pajama pants and white house shoes. She was last heard from at about 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Anyone with any information about their whereabouts is asked to call 911, the Austin Police Department Homicide Tipline 512-477-3588 or 512-974-5210.

Media Advisory: A photo of the suspect is attached.

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